Steps taken to boost industrial production include the new Industrial Policy 1991, the Export and Import Policy 1992-97 and measures contained in the Union Budgets for 1992-93 and 1993-94.

KVIC help to poor entrepreneurs

451. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Khadi and Village Industries Board (KVIC) has helped the poor entrepreneurs by giving loans to run industrial units in the year 1991-92;

(b) if so, whether these loans have been recovered so far from these entrepreneurs; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the steps Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (c) KVIC is not directly funding any individual entrepreneurs. However KVIC gives funds to its directly aided Institutions throughout the country for starting and continuing Khadi and Village Industry work. KVIC also gives funds to 30 Khadi and Village Industries Boards working at the State/UT level for promoting Khadi and Village Industries work within their respective jurisdiction through cooperative societies and individual entrepreneurs. All details such as loans sanctioned, loans recovered etc. in respect of individual entrepreneurs are maintained at the State Board's level.

World Bank Report on PSUs

452. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recent World Bank's report which stated that the Public Sector Units in India are working in such a system which makes them inefficient;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to make the PSUs more efficient ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Compulsory licencing for industries

453. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have further pruned the list of Industries requiring compulsory licensing and have removed certain items from the list of industries requiring compulsory licensing; and

(b) if so, what are the details of such items ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. On review, it has been decided to remove the following three industries from the list of compulsory licensing, under the provisions